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# Reds' Penetration In Latin America Called Big Threat

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Communism is in the Americas to stay unless the United States does something about it, say U.S. senators who are investigating the Red build-up in Cuba.

"International communism now has a firm foothold in this hemisphere," the Senate preparedness subcommittee reports. "If we permit it to do so, it is here to stay."

This somber conclusion was reached by a subcommittee headed by Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., on the basis of testimony from the United States' top intelligence agents and after talking to "more than 70 witnesses who do not hold official positions."

Two questions left unanswered so far by the proings of the seven-member committee were whether Russian missiles and other strategic weapons still are based in Cuba and how many Soviet troops remain on the island.

"These things are certainly of undeniable importance," the Stennis report declares.

But it is something else that the seven senators consider more worrisome.

## Red Foothold Held Real Threat

"The matter of basic and fundamental importance," they say, "the source of real threat, is that international communism now has a firm foothold in this hemisphere."

The senators obviously do not consider the mission of the Soviet troops and weapons systems to be purely defense of the Communist dictatorship of Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

"The Soviets are in Cuba primarily for the purpose of increasing and spreading communism's influence and power in Latin America," the report declares.

"We apprehend that the Communists will exploit their foothold in the greatest extent possible."

The senators claimed that the "paramount danger" is that the Communists may pick off the nations of the hemisphere one by one.

## Can Achieve Isolation Of U.S.

"By this process of erosion," the subcommittee report says, "our neighbors to the south may fall nation by nation until the entire hemisphere is lost and the Communist goal of isolating the United States has been attained."

Communist subversion, "in Cuba as elsewhere," the senators point out, proposes to further the Reds' "concept of world domination."

"Its aim and goal is to destroy existing political, economic and social orders and to replace them with new and dictatorial regimes which presuppose the complete physical and moral control of subjugated peoples."

"This aim and goal has already been achieved in Cuba."

"It will be achieved elsewhere in Latin America," the senators warn, "unless positive steps are taken to prevent it."

## Other Signers Are Listed

In addition to Stennis, the report was signed by Democrats Stuart Symington, Missouri; Henry M. Jackson, Washington; and Strom Thurmond, South Carolina; and Republicans Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts; Margaret Chase Smith, Maine; and Barry Goldwater, Arizona.

The senators said their report was based on classified testimony from John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency; Maj. Gen. Alva R. Fitch, the Army's assistant chief of staff for intelligence; Rear Adm. Vernon L. Lowrance, director of naval intelligence; and Maj. Gen. Robert A. Breitweiser, Air Force assistant chief of staff for intelligence, as well as Cuban refugees and exiles, and other sources, both in Washington and in Miami.